

BERNSTORFF TO GO ON SPECIAL TRAIN

Secret Service Men and Two
Officials to Accompany
Party to New York.

FRIENDS CALL TO SAY ADIEU

Former German Envoy Depressed
at Departure, After Long
Service Here.

Accompanied by a score of Secret Service agents and two officials of the State Department, Count H. von Bernstorff, former German ambassador, will leave Washington shortly after midnight, thus completing the break in diplomatic relations between his government and this country.

The State Department officials designated to accompany Count von Bernstorff are Breckenridge Long, Third Assistant Secretary, and Barney B. Robbins, secretary of embassy assigned to the division of Latin-American affairs at the department.

Will See Party Off.
These officials and the secret service agents will remain with Count von Bernstorff and his party from the time they board the special train leaving Union Station at 12:15 o'clock until the captain of the Scandinavian liner Frederick VIII sings off, "All ashore," tomorrow. On this vessel the former ambassador and his party will return to Germany.

All the details for Count von Bernstorff's departure were completed today. This afternoon he and the members of his party packed the suitcases they will carry in their hands. Late today the former ambassador and his staff will sing "Auld Lang Syne" with a small group of intimate friends and dine at a local hotel.

Although a final farewell party was held at the German embassy building, on Massachusetts avenue, yesterday, a stream of friends of the former ambassador and other officials wended their way there today. Among the visitors today were many who said good-by to Count von Bernstorff yesterday, but who wished to repeat their "bon voyage."

Embassy Building Dismantled.
Today the German embassy building was dismantled of all the personal, intimate, artistic touches which made it a home for Count von Bernstorff. It is now a mere office, with shelves filled with books and desks containing official documents and other paraphernalia used by diplomats.

This afternoon Count von Bernstorff will turn the embassy building over to Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, who will look after Germany's interests in Washington while relations between the United States and the central power are severed.

Flowers for the Countess.
While friends of Count von Bernstorff busied themselves today writing telegram letters, to be delivered to him after the Frederick VIII is well outside the port of New York, many acquaintances of Countess von Bernstorff sent bouquets of flowers to her. Attached to them were personal notes of regret over the departure of the countess and her husband.

Paradoxical as it may seem, it is true that while perhaps no nation has so angered the American people as has Germany, no diplomat ever left Washington with more numerous or regretful friends than Count von Bernstorff.

And in turn Count von Bernstorff

and the countess have reciprocated in kind, the affairs at the German embassy being numbered among the most brilliant and delightful in the memory of many of Washington's social leaders.

Has Had Friends' Sympathy.
Until the outbreak of the European war the German embassy was the scene of frequent pretentious and enjoyable musicales, dinners, receptions, and similar affairs, at which large numbers of the ambassador's friends gathered and partook of his gracious and bounteous hospitality.

Since the war began and relations between the United States and Germany became strained because of submarine warfare methods, Count von Bernstorff has had the sympathy of many friends in Washington.

Sought to Cement Friendship.
From the outset it was known that he did not agree with the "war party" of his country in its attitude toward the United States. Count von Bernstorff firmly believed the friendship between his native land and the great republic of the western hemisphere should be preserved, even at a cost to his own government.

For eight years he has labored here to cement the friendship and to bring the two nations together in closer bonds of sympathy and understanding each with the other. Today he crestfallen and disconsolate over the failure of his mission, he has failed, but he has the view that his government failed to appreciate his efforts here and ruthlessly took matters out of his hands.

Had "Hard Row to Hoe."
Probably no diplomat assigned to Washington has had what Americans call a "harder row to hoe" than Count von Bernstorff since the Lusitania was sunk and diplomatic interchanges—artificially veneered demands and excuses—began between this country and Germany.

Count von Bernstorff's friends say he has been burdened with responsibilities which would have caused men of less stern fiber, less courage, and physical strength to quail and surrender. Although at times distressed over the turn of events beyond his control, Count von Bernstorff maintained his cheer, debonair exterior and kept his disappointments and trials within his own bosom, not even seeking counsel with his closest friends.

Realized Solution Not Here.
He realized, he said, that the solution of the problems which confronted him was not to be found on this side of the Atlantic. That Count von Bernstorff appreciated the fact that he represented a government which refused to understand is known to a few friends of whom he made confidants.

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Depressed Over Failure.
Today Count von Bernstorff, some of his friends say, is distressed by the thought that his eight years in Washington have been wasted. It is known that he would have regarded it as a triumph of his life if the European war could have been concluded without the severance of diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States.

Count von Bernstorff realized from the first, however, that all the tendencies were in that direction. He resolutely set about to combat those tendencies and it is because he failed to master them that today he is downhearted and depressed.

Received Honorary Degrees.

Count von Bernstorff takes back with him to Germany besides the friendship, sympathy and admiration of a host of Washingtonians and other Americans, degrees conferred upon him by eight universities in the United States because of his learning and diplomatic achievements.

By a singular coincidence one of those universities is Princeton, of which President Wilson, who gave Count von Bernstorff his passport, was at one time president. The other institutions are Columbia, Johns Hopkins, University of Wisconsin, Union University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, and Franklin and Marshall University.

Long Diplomatic Career.

Count von Bernstorff was born in London on November 14, 1862, being the son of Count Albrecht and Baroness Bernstorff. Educated at Dresden and Ratisburg, he entered the military service of his country as an officer in the First Artillery of the German Empire.

He served from 1883 to 1889. On November 14, 1887, his birthday, he married Miss Jeannie Luckenmeyer, daughter of a wealthy New Yorker.

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FEEL ENCOURAGED OVER HOUSE STAND

Clerks Believe Lower Body Will
Refuse Salary Cut Proposed
By Senate.

DISLIKE SMOOT AMENDMENT

Representatives Virtually In-
struct Conferees to Stand Pat
on Original Plan.

Government clerks who are harassed by the high cost of living have a right to feel encouraged today over the apparent determination of the House not to accept the lower salary increases proposed by the Senate in the legislative, executive and judicial bill and the District of Columbia appropriation bill. The House has virtually instructed its conferees on the District budget to stand out for the following salary increase, which is considerably higher than that proposed by the Senate, namely:

A 10 per cent increase for all District employees receiving less than \$1,200 a year.

A 5 per cent increase for employees receiving from \$1,200 to \$1,800 inclusive.

Want Amendment Rejected.

This action on the District bill is indicative of the attitude of the House on other appropriation bills which carry salary provisions for Government employees. In voting on the District bill the House in effect has informed the conferees on the legislative bill that the Smoot amendment must be rejected by the managers for the lower body. Both the legislative and District budgets are in conference and contain the so-called Smoot amendments, approved by the Senate, providing a lower increase as follows:

Material Variations.

A 15 per cent increase for employees receiving \$480 per year and less and a 10 per cent increase for employees receiving from \$480 to \$1,000 a year.

Although the original House proposal, as included in the legislative bill, was not all the Government clerks had hoped for and asked for, the House raise is considerably more than that proffered by the Senate and affects many more employees.

House Measure Better.

There are comparatively few employees receiving less than \$480 per year, consequently the 15 per cent Senate raise—while it seems generous—would affect very few Government employees and, of the two propositions as they are now presented, that offered by the House is far more attractive, and would be far more helpful to the rank and file of the clerks.

There was practically no opposition to the motion that the House stand out for the larger increase, and the conferees on the District bill were instructed on a viva voce vote.

RETAIL MERCHANTS TO ELECT.

Officers of the Retail Merchants' Association are to be elected tonight at a meeting of the board of governors in the rooms of the association.

SECOND CLASS POST RATE CAUSES SPLIT

Proposal to Increase Mailing
Cost Meets Strong
Opposition.

BRYAN URGES BALLOT

Numerous Protests Received
From Periodicals and
Newspapers.

Senator Bryan's motion to suspend the rules and permit legislation in connection with the postoffice bill on the subject of increasing second class rates has caused sharp division of sentiment among Senators.

The newspapers and magazines of the land, moreover, are aroused over the attempt to force higher mail rates upon them at a time when high prices of paper are a serious burden on publications.

Several hours' debate developed yesterday afternoon on the Bryan motion to suspend the rules. It requires a two-thirds vote, and there is doubt whether such a vote can be had.

Defeat Predicted.

Several Senators predicted this morning it would be beaten. Nevertheless, it has strong support, and a close situation is likely to develop.

Senator Bryan, for the Postoffice Committee, in advocating the amendment put on the bill by the committee to increase second class rates, said it cost the Government \$100,000,000 a year to haul second class matter and it received in return about \$1,900,000. He objected to what he called an "enormous subsidy" to the newspapers and magazines.

Costly to Government.

Senator Bryan charged the Government was losing over \$100,000 a year by handling by mail one weekly which has a national circulation.

Senator Shields read a telegram from C. P. J. Mooney, managing editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, in which the case of the average newspaper was set forth. He said if all the plans Congress has to add more taxes to the newspaper business go through, publishers would be coming to Washington for relief through appointment of receivers for their property.

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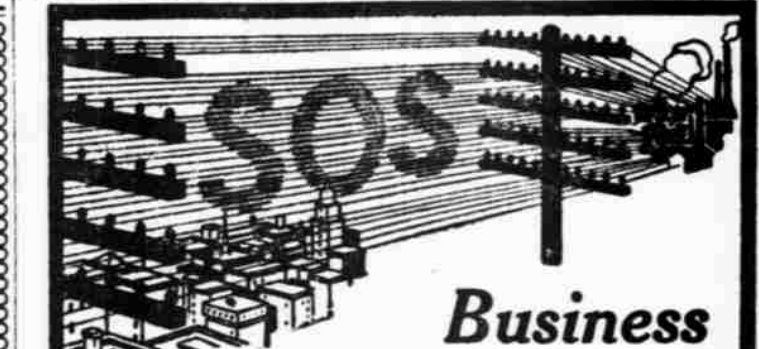
Meat forms uric acid which clogs
Kidneys; causes Rheumatism
and irritates Bladder.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

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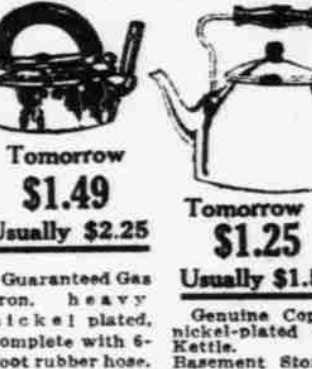
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